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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Add claim 11-20.

11. A computer implemented method comprising
providing a subscriber with a networking policy having a first level of service,
collecting data from the network using an accounting process that collects different kinds
of metrics from the network, correlates the metrics to specified network flows, and relates the
collected and correlated metrics back to the policy that was defined with the first level of service;
and

billing the subscriber for the networking policy having a second level of service rather
than for the policy having the first level of service.

12. The method of claim 11 further comprising:
providing an indication whether or not the policy with the first characteristic is being
satisfied.

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